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In re Application of Okawa et al

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Sir:

- I, PHYLLIS KELLY, declare as follows:
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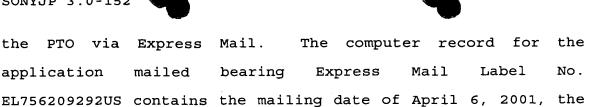
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On this 9th day of April, 2001, before me personally came the above-named Phyllis Kelly to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing instrument, who acknowledged to me that the same was executed by her of her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

Notary Public

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SUZANNE KAHALY

A Notary Public of New Jersey My Commission Expires January 31, 2005